

SENTRY SAW SUICIDE OF CROWELL GIRLS

Alarm Given Slowly and Liner Did Not Stop for 18 Minutes.

BOTH SEEN IN WATER

Brother Gets Sisters' Last Letter Revealing Motive, but Maintains Silence.

The Crowell twins, the Misses Gladys and Dorothy, gave up their lives in the estuary of the Glorinde at the point where it flows into the Bay of Biscay, early in the evening of January 19, by jumping from the French liner La Lorraine, in which they had embarked at Bordeaux early in the morning.

Beymour L. Crowell, brother of the girls, received yesterday morning a response to his wireless message to the liner, bearing the coast, asking for confirmation of the report of the double suicide, and was so overcome by the news that he was unable to meet the Lorraine when she docked at the foot of West Fifth street last evening.

Mr. Crowell received a letter from the girls, brought to him by Major James C. Sherman in charge of eighty Red Cross workers returning from France, including the twin girls, convincing him that they had killed themselves and revealing the reason. He declined to tell what his sister's letter said, but he said that the only statement he cared to give to the press was that "he had received confirmation of the death of his sisters."

Soldier Saw Girls Leap.

The impression abroad the liner was that they had become demented through brooding over what they deemed to be the failure of the Red Cross service. This, according to their friends, was not justified by the facts.

Only a few of the Lorraine's passengers, including the twin girls, were American troops of the 33rd Field Artillery, knew of the tragedy until the day after it occurred, and only one man, Edmund Edwards, who was on the main deck, saw the girls go overboard. He was pacing the forward deck on the port side when he noted one of the young women leaning over the railing of the Red Cross go to the forward port rail and mount it. She jumped, and the other young woman climbed the rail and did likewise.

The sentry was inclined to suspect for a moment that the tragedy was not real. It looked like a motion picture exhibition. It was dark and the sisters were seen only for a few moments. When they grasped the reality of the incident, called for the corporal of the guard, according to other passengers who happened to be on the ship.

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Ship Goes on Five Miles.

The unreality of the thing may have been one of the reasons why there was not a swifter effort to make known to the ship's officers that two of her passengers had jumped overboard. It was not until the morning of the tragedy that the ship's officers were notified of the tragedy. The ship was moving at a moment's notice, and the girls were seen to go down.

In peace times the response to an appeal for help would have been almost instantaneous, but war apparently had blunted the response of the ship's officers. The ship was moving at a moment's notice, and the girls were seen to go down.

Major James C. Sherman, in charge of the Red Cross workers, was notified, before the lowering of the boats, that two young women had been seen to jump into the water. He immediately ordered the launch to be lowered, but naturally nothing was seen of the girls.

Demented, Say Passengers.

Major Sherman said his own letter and took possession of the others. He said the sisters had admitted they were going to kill themselves and requested him to deliver the letter to their friends. The ship was moving at a moment's notice, and the girls were seen to go down.

He went to the stateroom of the twins because he had been requested to look out for them. He believed they were mentally unbalanced, and he was not to say, but it was asserted by other passengers that this was the case and that they were known to their friends in the Red Cross contingent that came with them.

Mr. Edward Shearson of this city, a Red Cross worker and a member of the National Red Cross Association, received yesterday morning a wireless message from Mr. Crowell asking if the report of the suicide was true. He answered that it was, and that the bodies had not been recovered. That is why Mr. Crowell did not tell the liner of the tragedy, sending to represent him his arrival. James G. Manchester, who took care of the girls' baggage.

Misses' Friends Suspected.

Mr. Shearson said he suspected that the sisters were very much depressed after the reaction from their hard work in the canteen service of the Red Cross. He added that he had advised the Americans to send over to more women workers between the ages of 18 and 25, and to bring all back as they were not needed now.

Miss Florence Chapman, ambulance driver for the American Women's Hospital at Buzancy, said that she had noted that one of the twins, she could not tell which, was very nervous the night before they decided to die.

Arnold Rothstein Set Free.

Arnold Rothstein of 355 West Eighty-fourth street, who was arrested with nineteen others in a raid on an alleged gambling house in West Fifth street, was discharged yesterday. Three others were freed at the detention when they were found to be innocent of the crime. The nineteen were discharged several days ago. There was no evidence that Rothstein fled the scene.

MERCHANTS FAVOR NEW HUDSON TUNNEL

Association Urges Gov. Smith to Support Project.

The Merchants' Association yesterday endorsed the proposed vehicular tunnel between New York and New Jersey and asked Gov. Smith to support the project, requesting an immediate appropriation of \$1,000,000. The total cost is estimated at \$2,000,000, of which each State will contribute \$1,000,000.

The association declares that unless the tunnel is put through the port of New York will be in danger of successful competition by less congested Atlantic ports. The possible diversion of some business to New Jersey under the plan is not held to be essential. The statement says:

"The essential point is that at the present time there is a strong tendency to the diversion of industries and distributing business from the port of New York to other ports. The charges are materially less than here. It becomes of the first importance, therefore, to effect economies in our port costs and reduce them wherever possible."

"The proposed vehicular tunnel would be most useful in this respect, inasmuch as it would reduce the cost of transportation in terminal expenses by reducing the present cost of trucking, which is in large part due to extreme congestion of the port. The tunnel would also reduce the cost of shipping, which would permit the movement of goods and passengers under conditions which would abolish much of the present waiting time."

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3,000 HELP TO OPEN HOTEL COMMODORE

Great Party Makes Merry at Customary Christening of the Ballroom.

According to immemorial custom, the grand ballroom of Hotel Commodore was christened with champagne last night when 3,000 diners gathered to drink and be merry in the new hostelry. There were Caruso, Charles Dana Gibson and other famous entertainers, and the night was a success. The champagne was served in the grand ballroom, and the night was a success.

The Commodore Club occupied a prominent place near the space reserved for dancing, and it was its members who first discovered the Mayor. Some one approached the Mayor, and he was asked to dance. The Mayor danced with the Mayor's wife, and the night was a success.

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Thousands Attend Opening.

Thousands of persons inspected the new hotel. The cocktail hour found the Italian garden lobby filled with prettily gowned women. An orchestra played for the guests. The night was a success.

The earliest of the guests was the Duchess de Chaulnes, who insisted upon being allowed to register Monday night. Then room 651 was assigned to her and she was the first to occupy the new hotel. The night was a success.

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COPELAND NOT ALARMED

Every Effort Made to Combat Disease Throughout City, He Says.

That New York has reached another influenza crisis and that the Health Department was doing nothing of an emergency nature to meet it, was said yesterday in behalf of Miss Lillian D. Wald, head of the Henry Street Settlement, by Miss Dorothy Caffin, the corresponding secretary.

Miss Caffin especially asserted the city is not getting adequate nursing protection. She said the settlement, which sends visiting nurses to its fourteen branches, was so short handed that it was now compelled to turn away more than fifty applicants a day and had not been able to attend to calls in maternity cases for two weeks. She said the Health Department should supply extra nurses, as it did last fall, but had failed to do so. She was careful to say that the bureau of preventive diseases, which was a few months ago, said that there was danger of its becoming so if many more nurses were not provided.

Replying to Miss Caffin, Health Commissioner Copeland said the Henry Street Settlement did not ask for nurses until yesterday morning, when it was immediately agreed to send all that were required by it or other relief organizations. He said he was studiously watching the ascending curve of influenza and pneumonia, and taking every precaution, and that the department was prepared to cope with anything that might develop.

Ready to Fight Disease.

He pointed to figures indicating that the epidemic at present does not approach the dimensions of last fall. He said there were plenty of doctors, plenty of nurses and plenty of hospital beds for the sick who could not be isolated in their homes. He said influenza and pneumonia would continue to be prevalent, but until spring brings settled warm weather, he added he was not alarmed and that, as the Henry Street settlement was undoubtedly overworked, that might develop.

Miss Wald called up this story last night to say that any criticism of the Health Department was unfounded. She said that during the fall epidemic and at present Dr. Louis I. Harris, chief of the bureau of preventive diseases, had given the Henry Street workers "splendid cooperation." The point she wished to emphasize, she said, was that the Health Department was doing its best to cope with the epidemic, and that the Henry Street settlement was doing its best to cope with the epidemic.

ACTRESS, ON TRIAL, DENIES EXTORTION.

Motor Truck Dealer Says "Betty Brewster" Tried to Compromise Him.

Mrs. Betty Inch, 24, and attractive and formerly known on the stage as Betty Brewster, was placed on trial before Justice Weeks and a jury in the Criminal Division of the Supreme Court yesterday on a charge of extortion. It is alleged she attempted to obtain money from Eugene P. Herrmann, president of the Herman Motor Truck Company, after she had had an affair with him during her absence from the city.

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